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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of commercial and feature films got `No Objection Certificate` from Central Board of Film Certification with cuts and without cuts separately during the last one year, language-wise;

(b) the number of such films for which `No Objection Certificate` was not issued alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware that movies, now a days, have more violent scenes and sex that harms the viewers especially the children;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to make changes in certification procedure;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to give more powers to the Central Board of Film Certification and to change the definition of obscenity to make it unambiguous and transparent?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) : The Central Board of Film Certification certifies films for public exhibition in terms of the Cinematograph Act, 1952. While the details of the feature films (celluloid) certified for the period 01.01.2004 to 31.12.2004 are given in Annexure-I, the details of the feature films (video) are given in Annexure-II and information in respect of short films is provided in Annexure-III. The commercial films which includes promos and advertisements falls under the category short films.

(b) & (c) : The Central Board of Film Certification has informed that thirty one feature films were refused certification during the calendar year 2004 as they were found to violate the certification guidelines issued under the Cinematograph Act, 1952.

(d) & (e) : Changes in the Cinematograph Act and the Certification Rules is an on-going process and is periodically undertaken to update the provisions in tune with the times.

(f) : The certification guidelines under the Cinematograph Act, 1952 have adequate provisions empowering the Central Board of Film Certification for issuing cuts wherever required in order to curb the exhibition of obscenity.

Annexure-I
INDIAN FEATURE FILMS
(CELLULOID)

From 1-1-2004 to 31-12-2004
(Language-wise and Category-wise)

Sr.No	Language	U	U#	UA	UA#	A	A#	Total Clear Cuts	Grand Total
1.	Hindi	53	14	25	31	40	81	118	126 244
2.	Tamil	28	23	13	35	9	22	50	80 130
3.	Telugu	55	35	22	37	23	31	100	103 203

4. Malayalam 52 - 18 - 1 - 71 - 71

5. Kannada 17 27 1 23 - 7 18 57 75
6. Bengali 40 - 2 - 4 - 46 - 46

7 Gujarati 6 3 3 - 1 - 10 3 13

8. Marathi 30 4 10 9 3 - 43 13 56

9. English 3 - - 1 2 7 5 8 13
10. Nepali 2 - - - - - 2 - 2
11. Oriya 19 - - - - - 19 - 19
12. Assamese 9 - - - - - 9 - 9
13. Garhwali 1 - 2 - - - 3 - 3
14. Punjabi 3 - - 1 - - 3 1 4
15. Bhojpuri 10 3 4 2 1 1 15 6 21
16. Chattisgarhi - - - - 1 - 1 - 1
17. Rajasthani 4 - - - - - 4 - 4
18. Bodo 1 - - - - - 1 - 1
19. Kumayani 1 - - - - - 1 - 1
20. Punjabi & Urdu - - - 1 - - - 1 1
21. Maithili 1 - - - - - 1 - 1
22. Nagpuri 1 - - - - - 1 - 1
23. Himachali 1 - - - - - 1 - 1
24 Aaodhi 1 - - - - - 1 - 1
25 Tamil (Dub) 1 - - - - - 1 - 1
26 Konkani 2 - - - - - 2 - 2
27 Telugu (Dub) - - - - 5 - 5 - 5
28 Silent - - - 1 - - - 1 1
29 Banjara 1 - - - - - 1 - 1
30 Sadri 2 - - - - - 2 - 2
31 Kokbork 1 - - - - - 1 - 1

TOTAL 345 109 100 141 90 149 535 399 934

WITH CUTS

Annexure-II

CENTRAL BOARD OF FILM CERTIFICATION INDIAN VIDEO FEATURE FILMS CERTIFIED FROM 1-1-2004 TO 31-12-2004.

Language U U# Total UA UA# Total A A# Total Grand Total

Hindi 55 24 79 1 - 1 - - - 80
Tamil 5 15 20 - - - - - - 20
Malayalam 9 - 9 - - - - - - 9
Telugu 9 12 21 - - - - - - 21
Gujarati - 1 1 - - - - - - 1
Bengali (Dub) 1 - 1 - - - - - - 1
Marathi 6 - 6 1 - 1 - - - 7
English 4 - 4 1 1 2 1 - 1 7
Bhojpuri 1 - 1 - - - 2 - 2 3
Bhojpuri (Dub) 1 - 1 - - - - - - 1
Gadwali 1 - - - - - - - - 1
Manipuri 23 - 23 - - - - - - 23
Kannada 3 4 7 - - - - - - 7
Konkani 1 - 1 - - - - - - 1
Assami 18 - 18 - - - - - - 18
Sadri 2 - 2 - - - - - - 2
Nagpuri 1 - 1 - - - - - - 1
Bodo 1 - 1 - - - - - - 1
Rajbangshi 1 - 1 - - - - - - 1
Kokborok - - 1 - - - - - - 1

TOTAL 143 56 199 3 1 4 3 - 3 206

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Annexure-III

CENTRAL BOARD OF FILM CERTIFICATION INDIAN VIDEO SHORT FILMS CERTIFIED FROM 1-1-2004 TO 31-12-2004.

Sr.No.	Language	Promos	Clear Cuts	Total	Advert-isement	Clear	Cuts	Total
1.	Hindi	462	450	12	462	28	28	- 28
2.	Tamil	-	-	-	-	-	-	- -
3.	Telugu	31	28	3	31	5	5	- 5
4.	Malayalam	11	11	-	11	4	4	- 4
5.	Kannada	35	32	3	35			
6.	Bengali	10	8	2	10			
7	Gujarati	8	8	-	8			
8.	Marathi	130	125	5	130	4	4	- 4
9.	English	82	81	1	82	8	8	- 8
10.	Garhwali	75	15	-	75			
11.	Punjabi	75	73	2	75			
12.	Bhojpuri	39	33	6	39			
13.	Rajasthani	15	15	-	15			
14.	Kumayani	13	13	-	13			
15.	Urdu	6	6	-	6			
16.	Hariyanvi	52	51	1	52			
17.	Maithili	2	2	-	2			
18.	Music	4	4	-	4			
19.	Himachali	1	1	-	1			